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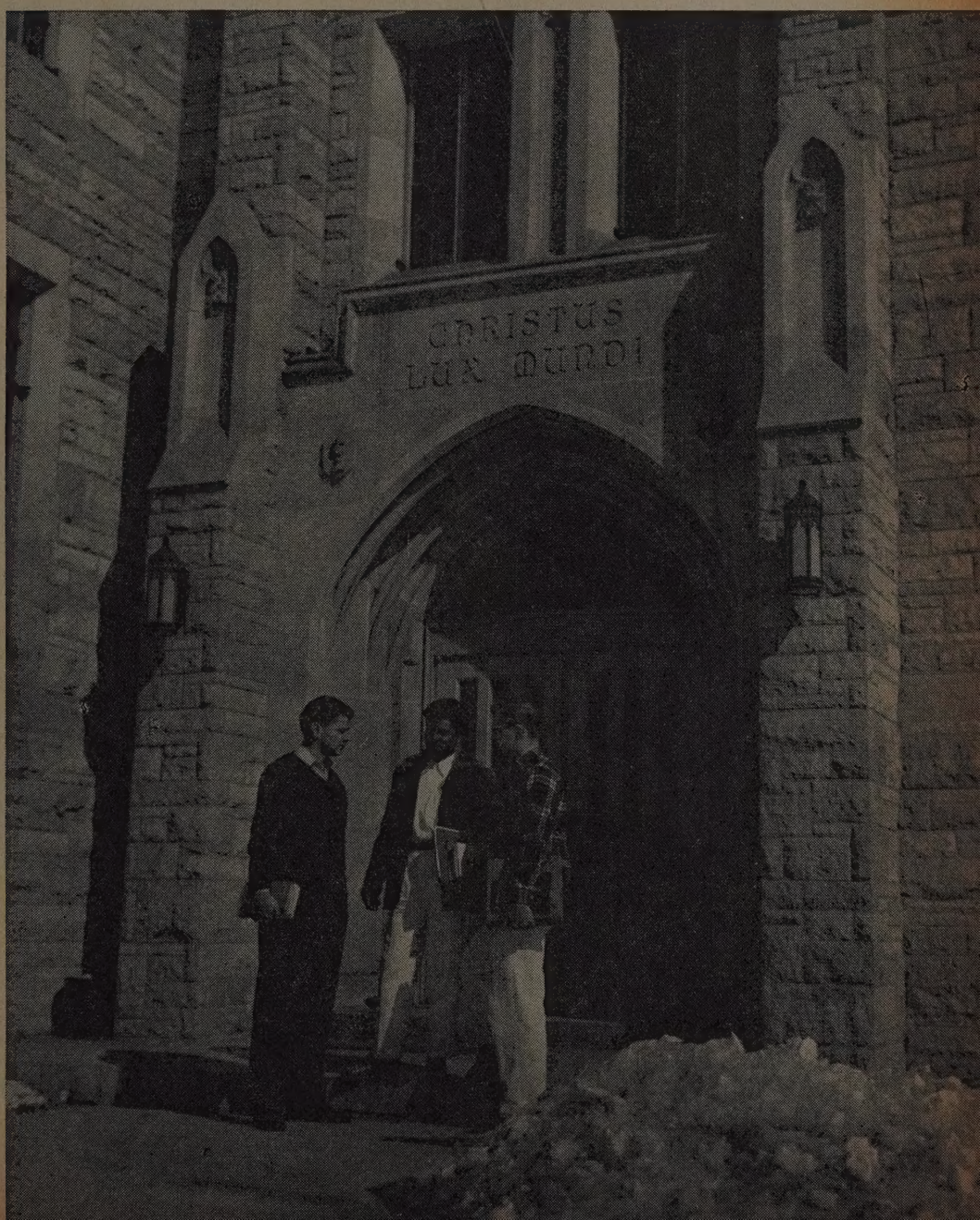

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The Prodigal Father

Alfred Bredesen

A CERTAIN father had a son, and the son said unto the father—"Father, give me the fraction of thy time and thy companionship which belongeth unto me." And the father said unto his son, "Gladly would I give thee of my time and my companionship but it is not mine to give for I am a man of many and grave concerns. I will see that thou art suitably attired as befits thy station. The most eminent physicians shall be at thy call. Thou shalt sit at the feet of Gamaliel. Many servants shall anticipate thy wants and thy whims and thou shalt want for nought."

And it came to pass that the father prospered exceedingly. He laid gold to shining store. The elders rose when he entered and chieftains were silent when he spoke, and men said, "Was there ever another such as he?"

BUT it came to pass that he began to be in want. He began to be in need though he dwelt in marble halls and clothed himself in purple and fine linen. Swift runners brought snow from the mountains to cool his costly wines, and he fared sumptuously every day from vessels of gold diverse one from another. The father was yet in want and his heart began to hunger and thirst for his son.

And the father called a scribe and wrote unto his son. "My son, I have sinned against heaven and against thee and am no more worthy to be called thy father. Make me as one of thy boon companions, as one of thy familiar friends."

AND the son wrote unto the father:

"Gladly would I make thee a boon companion or a familiar friend, but that is now beyond my power. Since I was denied thy companionship I have found other companions and I fear they would not find favor in thine eyes. I have also adopted a way of life which I fear would not be pleasing unto thee. Moreover there is now a great gulf fixed between me and thee so I cannot cross over to thee nor canst thou come unto me.

"Father farewell,
"THY SON"

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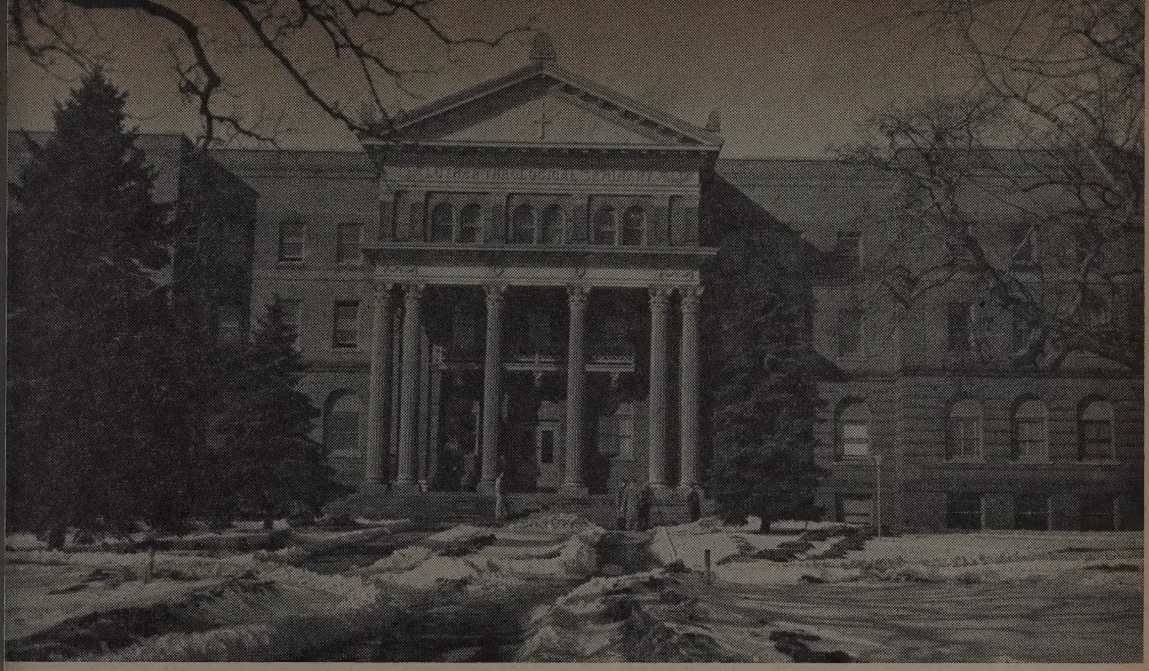

o question about it that Luther Theological Seminary is e heart of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, and that

of. Herman A. Preus greets Chap- n Richard L. Combs, a '53 Semi- y graduate, en route to an assign- nt in Germany. Portrait is that of M. O. Bockman, seminary presi- nt, 1917-1930.

This Heart Beats Strong

Edward W. Schramm

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Luther Theological Seminary—the heart of our Church." Those are the final words in a leaflet published in the interests of the development fund now being gathered within The Evangelical Lutheran Church for the modernization and the enlargement of Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, the only seminary of the ELC in the United States.

Seeing is believing that statement. Even the few days that I spent on the campus of Luther Seminary convinced me that it is, indeed, the heart of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. And listening to that heart, I found that it beats full and strong.

There is the seminary's president, Dr. Alvin Rogness. Nothing wrong with his heart—whether you think of it as a physical "ticker" or as symbolizing the spiritual character of the man.

"Al" Rogness—as his friends affec-

—The first in a series of articles on "Ministers in the Making"

uonately call him—looks younger than his actual age—he was fifty on May 16. One wouldn't think that this man of quick eye, springy step, and boundless energy is old enough to be the father of a son who is graduating from college this spring . . . the oldest of the six children in the Rogness family.

Doubtless the family of President Rogness—his zestful wife is the former Nora Preus . . . and Preus is a famous name in ELC circles—have helped to keep Daddy Rogness young in heart. And his work as a student pastor at Iowa State College contributed toward the same end.

To see Dr. Rogness in action is to know that his heart beats strong. I was interviewing him in his office one morning in a conversation punctuated by telephone calls. One of them was a long distance call, and the genial president was "holding the line" while the operator was trying to complete the call at the other end. A stack of letters was on the president's desk, awaiting his signature. Those letters he kept signing while he was waiting for the completion of the telephone call.

The call came through. Evidently the pastor on the other end of the line wanted President Rogness to come to his community. I couldn't help seeing the president's appointment book when he opened it to make this appointment. It looked like the calendar of a busy doctor, booked way up in advance. Takes a strong heart to stand that kind of pace!

Two stouthearted, dynamic men preceded Dr. Rogness in the presidential office at Luther Seminary: Dr. Marcus O. Bockman, president from 1917 to 1930, and Dr. Thaddaeus F. Gullixson, president from 1930 to 1955. The roots of the seminary go back, of course, much earlier than 1917, in fact, to 1876. But it was in 1917, when the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America (now The Evangelical Lutheran Church) was organized as the result of a merger that the present Luther Seminary emerged as the result of a union of seminaries.

The youngheartedness of Dr. Rogness, whom I remember as a crackerjack good softball catcher at a Bible camp not too many years ago, is infectious. It certainly is reflected in the entire faculty. This was much in evidence at a meeting of the faculty club which I got to attend one afternoon.

Nothing stuffy about that faculty meeting. I came to the conclusion that it is a fine thing for a seminary faculty to get together once a month for sons primarily social. To be sur paper was read and discussed. frankly, what impressed me more the paper (it was an up-to-date di sion of "The World-wide Missio the Christian Church") was the of two scholarly theological profe seeing to it that the cookies and coffee circulated among their collea —and then rolling up their sl afterward and washing the di Nothing prematurely senile about who can do that!

Of course, I didn't get to see a the faculty members in action c have a chat with each one persor But I saw enough to convince me whether one speaks of the colle heart of the faculty or the heart o individual faculty member, that beats strong.

The men on the faculty (there fourteen full-time professors) do have an abnormally high numbe teaching hours each week—per eight or nine hours is the avera

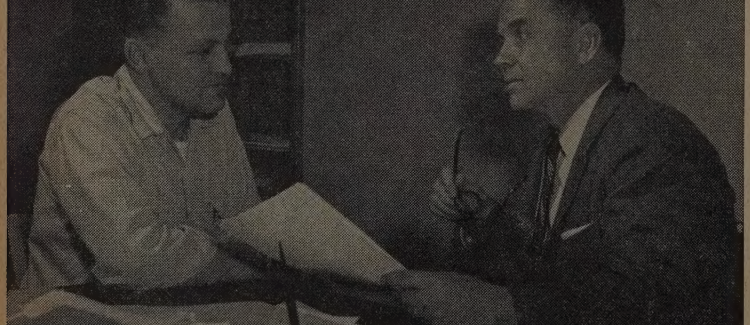
But this does not tell the whole s If these men do not have many cl they most assuredly have large cla I attended a class of Middlemen was held in a large classroom— almost every chair was taken.

"How many men in this class asked the student beside me. "Eig nine to ninety-two," was his ans Later that day I asked Dr. Laur N. Field, professor of church h and parish education, about the siz his classes.

"I have one," he replied, "in w there are 123 men."

And, of course, these men have tracurricular activities galore. Co ering their stout hearts, it seeme me that they are in more dange contracting committeeitis than an pectoris.

And the faculty members do n counseling with the students. I interviews with a couple of the fessors—Dr. Andrew S. Burgess, w specialty is foreign missions; and E. Clifford Nelson, who is profe of church history but who is now taining fame and work as the co nator in the United States for the assembly of the Lutheran World



Students find it easy to talk with Dr. Alvin N. Rogness, seminary president since January, 1955. Martin Ford, a married senior, confers with him in his office.

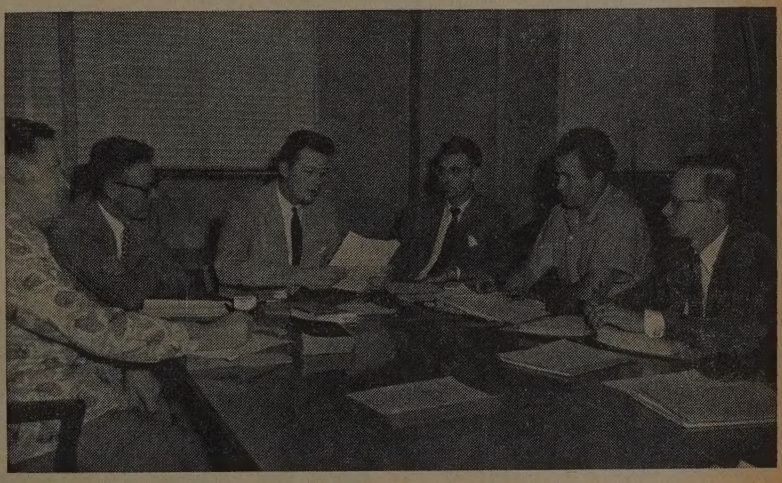
tion. And I was amazed at the num- of students who dropped in to see h of these men in the relatively rt time that I was closeted with m.

One reason for this close relation- p between the "profs" and the stu- nts is the fact that at the beginning each school year twelve Juniors rst-year men) are assigned to each fessor as his special proteges. The fessor will invite his group to his ne for an "ice-breaker," and then oughout the year these men will l free to consult their big brother. Two of the men on the faculty— fessors Edmund Smits and Janis zentals—are from Latvia, the vic- is of the invasions and dislocations the last world war. Certainly men e that, who show no trace of bitter- s but rather radiate the presence in ir hearts of the Christ through om they are more than conquerors, ve stout hearts!

n the classroom, too, the professors Luther Seminary gave telling proof the fact that their heart beats strong n love for the gospel, for their stu- nts, and for the souls to whom these ure pastors are to minister.

Whether I listened to an explanation the Greek text of John 3 in a class ght by Dr. Rozentals, to a discus- n of Christ's miracles in the class- om of Dr. Warren A. Quanbeck, or a lecture on justification by faith ich Dr. George Aus gave to a class dogmatics, I found that the presen- ions came not only from the head t also from the heart . . . and that heart of these Lutheran theologians ts strong with evangelical fervor. It was not surprising, therefore, to d keen interest on the part of the dents in the classroom lectures. It uld be foolish to claim that the stu- nts hang onto every word of their fessors. No one who has ever been student would make such an asinine tement. But I can testify that, when sked Wendel Dahl, a student, some- ng about a class in dogmatics that . Aus teaches, and that I attended e morning, Dahl included this re- rk in the information he gave me, r. Aus never has to mark the at- ndance in this class; the fellows are ger to come."

Shown here are ten of the fourteen full-time members of Luther Seminary faculty. Top, left to right: Professors John V. Halvorson, Herman A. Preus, Lowell J. Satre, Andrew S. Burgess, E. Clifford Nelson. Bottom, left to right: Robert H. Boyd, Iver Iverson, President Rogness, George Aus, Laurence N. Field.



Lester Hoffmann (third from left) reads a paper on Mormonism at a seminar on American Christianity led by Dr. E. Clifford Nelson. This is an elective course.

What kind of fellows are these that are eager to attend class? Very, very much like the fellows at any other Lutheran seminary! And that means that the heart of the students at Luther Seminary beats strong. Before they came to the seminary they first gave their heart, their very self, to the Lord.

Really, I was hard put to it trying to find something in student life at Luther Seminary that was quite different from student life say on an ALC seminary campus. I found these students—most of whom are of Norwegian background—quite fond of coffee and inclined to take a coffee break both morning and afternoon. But coffee breaks are now becoming as universally American as is the seventh inning stretch at a ball game. I took a close look at the color of the students' hair at a chapel service. . . . And I

Plymouth Christian Youth Center in downtown Minneapolis is the scene of much "field work" on the part of Luther Seminary students. Shown is Ray Runkel, full-time director of the center this year, teaching a group of interested children.

found about as many dark heads as blond heads.

What impressed me at Luther Seminary more than the predominance of Scandinavian blondness was the presence on the campus of several foreign students. For one semester in each school year Dr. Burgess, professor of missions, conducts a seminar for foreign students. This year there were eight men in that seminar, drawn largely from ELC foreign mission fields. The student body contributed $600 toward the schooling of each of four of these foreign students.

One distinctive—perhaps even unique—feature I did find in the student life at Luther. That is the practice of giving the stout hearts of both the students and the professors a day off on Mondays.

This custom of no Monday classes is traditional at the school. It doubtless developed in the preautomobile days when it took much longer for a professor or a student to return from a preaching trip than it does today. But the custom has persisted and gives both the students and the professors a chance to get back from a preaching appointment and catch their breath before the school week starts.

Partly compensating for the absence of classes on Monday is the fact that classes are held on Saturday morning, at least until chapel time. Furthermore, Gertrude Tinglestad, the assistant librarian, told me that the library is used more on Monday than on any other day.

Speaking of the library, I foun to be quite modern and inviting. (fact that there are bound volume both the *Lutheran Standard* and *Kirchenblatt* in the stackrooms more recent volumes and the cu issues of both these papers in reading-room helped, of course, to me a favorable impression of thi brary.)

Miss Valborg E. Bestul, the libra supplied the information that th brary contains about 47,000 volu including catalogued pamphlets periodicals, and that they are rently receiving about 280 periodi They have developed a loan syste ELC pastors which is growing in sc Well over a thousand volumes ci lated through this system in the year.

Vivid also among the impress which I got of the activities at Lu Seminary was that of the work b done by the students at Plymo Youth Center in downtown Mi apolis.

Dr. Burgess is the faculty adviser the work at this youth center, w is integrated into a course in Chris social service which he teaches, which every student is required to t This course requires some field w and about 55 men do that field w at Plymouth Youth Center, a kin

Bob Evans, associate director at the youth center, referees a friendly bo bout.

ment house in an area that has noted for its high rate of juvenile quency.

ttended a midweek service at the n center and saw with my own just what is being done there. year Ray Runkel, one of the stu-, is serving as full-time director e center. Violet Handel is a full- parish worker there; and Bob s, another student, is serving part- as an associate director. The stu- who do their "field work" at enter assist in the various activi--arts and crafts, religious night, s, band, canvassing, and the like. ere were, perhaps, 100 people, st all of them children, who filled hapel room at the service which ended. Afterward they broke up activity groups. Little wonder that Christian youth center attracts boys ell as girls, for the activities in- not only such gentle arts as lework but such "he-man" sports restling and boxing. I saw charts he wall that provided for sched- a wrestling tournament, a box- ournament, and ping-pong tourna- s—the latter for both girls and

en, in the summer, the center ucts camps which feature canoe . This summer a canoe base is to stablished on land near the Cana- border, leased to the center by the ral government. This canoe camp be used for problem cases from enter, from the county school for , and for boys from the county ation office. In the past two sum- 48 boys have been given a canoe- experience. When Herman (Ham) s described this project to me he enthusiastically: "It is a tremen- way in which a positive witness be given to this kind of boy. We found that it is very difficult to h them in any other way." Ham's t beats strong, indeed, for this istlike service.

r. Burgess referred to this center its varied activities as a laboratory his class in Christian social service. only are the students learning ething, but they are making a fine ribution to the life of the commu- in which the center is located.

uus, a senior, has been called to be the chaplain-director of the center and will take that post after graduation and ordination. Another senior, Bob Evans, will serve as ordained assistant chaplain-director.

The vast majority of Luther Seminary students attended a church college, and that did much to give them a heart for this kind of selfless service. I was, of course, interested in learning just how many of the students at Luther Seminary did their undergraduate work in a church school—particularly in an ELC school. Mrs. Harriet Hilgedick, the secretary of Dr. Rogness, furnished the following breakdown on the college background of the present student body:

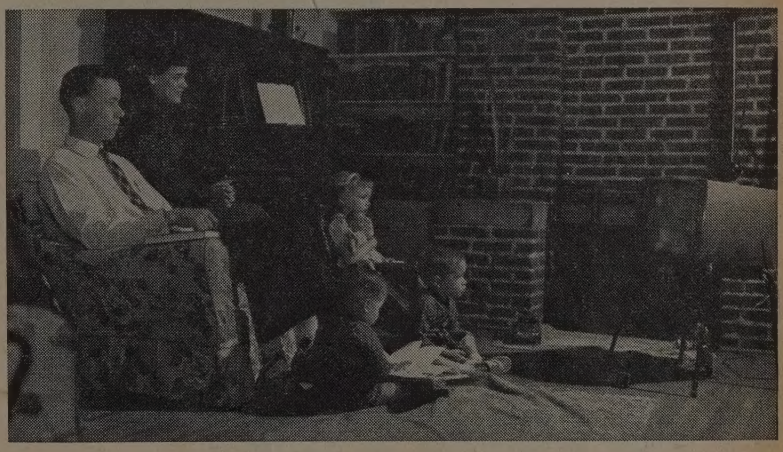
ELC schools	319
Other Lutheran schools	40
Non-Lutheran schools (state and other)	90
Foreign students	8
Total	457

That tabulation, of course, bears witness to the way in which the colleges of The Evangelical Lutheran Church are "feeders" for this seminary. Pressing my inquiry a little farther, I asked Mrs. Hilgedick whether any appreciable number of the students had attended the Lutheran Bible Institute or one of its branches and learned that 44 of them had. I also learned that the age span of the students is from 20 to 45, and that 25 of the resident students are receiving support through the GI bill.

On the afternoon of the day when I had this interview with Mrs. Hilgedick about the composition of the student body I got into the home of Floyd Larsen, one of the older married students (he is 34 years old). He has had military experience and is a graduate of the Lutheran Bible Institute in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Larsen and their three children live in one of the four apartments in a seminary-owned apartment building. Both Floyd and his wife, the former Joyce Kostoff, come from Seattle, Washington. Floyd was graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., and then saw Army service in Alaska. After his discharge he attended the University of Washington for 18 months, worked for an insurance company for two and one-half years, and then went to the Lutheran Bible Institute in Seattle and decided to study for the ministry. He met his wife at church; in fact, they both come from the same congregation.

After graduation the Larsens are to move to Whidbey Island, one of the San Juan Islands in the Bay of Seattle, where he will serve two congregations.



Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Larsen and their three children live in the lone seminary-owned apartment building. Larsen a senior, has accepted a call to Whidbey Island.

Does the heart of a married seminarian beat so strong with love for his wife and his children that it lacks strength of beat for the work of the Lord? Would it be better if all the students at a theological seminary were unmarried?

That question I put to President Rogness after learning that at Luther Seminary the resident student body is divided almost equally into married and single students.

President Rogness gave me a forthright answer.

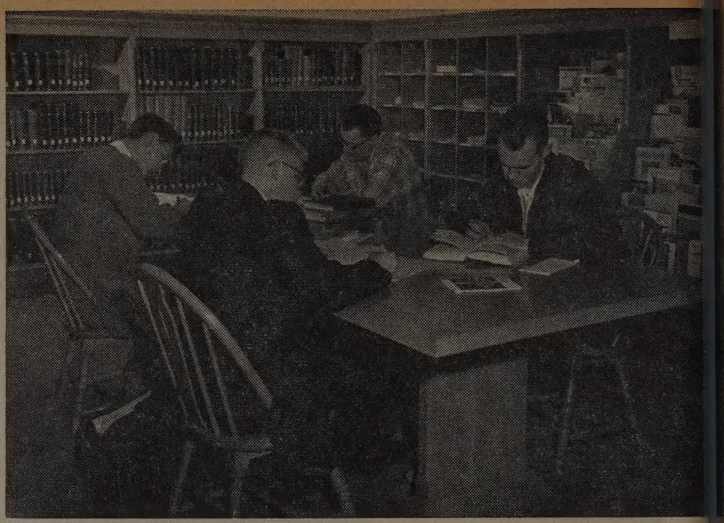
"Personally," Dr. Rogness said, "I would prefer it if the students were unmarried for the first two years of their schooling and then married during their intern year and their final year."

"But," continued this very human and very understanding seminary administrator, "if a man has seen service in the armed forces and has been in love with a girl for some time, it is probably better that the couple marry." "To be sure," he added, "if they have to struggle with housing and other economic conditions, then it isn't so desirable."

Dr. Rogness pointed out another important consideration in this connection, namely, that in a student body as large as theirs a married student can go through the seminary and scarcely know his own class members. They do not eat or sleep in the same place—and may not even drink coffee at the same place. And if Norwegians don't get together even at coffee time they really can't get to know one another!

Even the single students at Luther Seminary are getting some experience in housekeeping—at least to the extent of running their own boarding club. This club is a cooperative. Board costs $45 a month—and this includes the cost of laundry. The men send their white shirts to an outside laundry, but the balance of the laundry is done by a "laundry crew" which works on Saturdays.

I should have copied the menu for the boarding club meal which I ate. Unfortunately, I have forgotten part of it. But I know that the meat was tender, the food well cooked, that we had large cherries for dessert, that I had plenty to eat, and that when the meal was over, one of the students conducted devotions.



Luther Seminary's library is light and airy . . . and well stocked with books periodicals. Biggest library business is on Mondays, when there are no cla

If the hearts of both the single and the married men beat strong for the work they are doing now and the work they are preparing to do after graduation, it is most certainly true that the hearts of the seminarians' wives beat strong for this work.

Someone really ought to do a comprehensive piece of writing on the modern-day seminettes. All I can do is to give you a most sketchy account of the activities of the seminettes at Luther Seminary. I did have the opportunity to attend a biweekly meeting of the Student Wives' Association and learn a few things about its activities.

This association meets every other Friday evening. Then four times a year there are group meetings that bring together the wives of the men in a particular class and thus enable the wives to get better acquainted with their husbands' classmates' wives.

At the last meeting of the Senior seminarians' wives this year the husbands were to be invited. Describing that meeting, Mrs. Floyd Larsen, the president of the Student Wives' Association, said:

"The topic will be one pertaining to the responsibility of the pastor's wife and children to their pastor-father and also the pastor-father's responsibili his wife and children. We are pra for the success of the meeting."

Among the many activities s sored by this association of seminar wives is a midweek Bible study prayer fellowship and a semi wives' choir. One of the newest ects centers in visits by groups of s nary wives to the homes for the and others and to hospitals.

"Many wives are finding tha sharing with others the love of C they are deepening their own in and broadening their own vision,' clares Mrs. Larsen, adding, "and are experiencing that special kin joy and satisfaction that God when we share His Word with oth

A good doctor doesn't have to l to your heart all day to deter whether or not it beats strong steady. Even a mediocre repo should not have to stay on the car of Luther Theological Seminary i Paul, Minnesota, for more than a days to convince him about the of its heart.

I listened to that heart—and in d so listened to the very heart of Evangelical Lutheran Church. An I listened I was fully convinced the heart of The Evangelical Luth Church beats strong.

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ar Bill:

he other night you came into my living room, stood nd a bar on my new television receiver, and asked uestion. Your question is a personal one. It made me k. I feel that I should take the time to answer you. et me assure you that I have given the matter some ful thought. The conclusions which I express are the product of haphazard guess-work, but rather result of thoughtful consideration.

What'll you have?" you asked.

Vell, Bill, I'll tell you; I'd rather have lower taxes more efficient government than your beer or any r beer. Out of every pay check I get, a substantial unt goes to remedy the tragic consequences of alcosm and the evil it produces.

don't drink, but my money has to take care of that f who drank one bottle of beer too many and ght he could get away with robbing a filling station. was a pretty nice guy otherwise, but after he had too many he just couldn't say no to the temptation asy money.

aw enforcement agents tell me that alcohol lies ind at least 50 per cent of the crime in our country. me costs me money even though I'm a law-abiding zen. My taxes must maintain courts and officers, , correctional institutions and hospitals.

o logically, Bill, I'll have to choose between your rite beer or lower taxes. I'll have the latter.

Of course you'll insist that higher taxes levied on your duct relieve me of a good portion of the burden. I don't think you carry your fair share of the load. k in 1943 the legislators of Massachusetts checked on this matter. They found that the receipts from erage alcohol totaled a little better than thirteen million dollars. But for that same year the bill presented to the taxpayers of that state for caring for mental patients whose condition was wholly or partly caused by alcoholism, and for apprehending and prosecuting drunken criminals, was sixty-one million dollars—almost five times as much as the revenue.

So, you see, Bill, as a father of three children who is trying to make ends meet in this day of high prices, I'd be foolish to choose something which is draining away my savings and keeping me from better providing for my kids.

And speaking of kids, this world we have made for them is a mighty sorry mess. The unsettled conditions and the continual threat of war make it pretty tough on our youngsters. We are enjoying a few brief moments of respite from war right now, and I'd like to keep it that way so my son won't have to pay the price on the beach at Salerno or the rocky slopes of an Iwo Jima.

It seems to me that those who are guiding our destiny and making decisions which will mean my kid's freedom or enslavement ought to have the clearest heads possible. If they spend much of their time guzzling beer, they won't be capable of choosing the right course. So, Bill, on that score it looks like I'll have to pass up the beer you say is so fine.

You're a good announcer and a persuasive speaker, Bill. I listened to your commercial attentively, and if I didn't know better, you might have convinced me. For instance, you spoke of inviting friends over for an evening and serving your beer with a snack. The idea, of course, was that such action would prove I was a gracious host with the welfare of my guests my main concern.

Well, frankly, Bill, I couldn't do that to any of my friends. There's a lot more to it than just pouring them a glass of beer. Look at it this way. I've talked to many people over the past ten or twelve years who had pretty well become slaves to drink. Most of them admitted that if they just hadn't taken that first glass they wouldn't be addicts today.

Sure, I know not everyone who takes just one drink becomes an alcoholic. But how am I going to tell which of my friends will and which won't? If a couple of years from now one of them should lose his job and his self-respect and his home because he was a sot, it would be on my conscience for the rest of my life. Now, Bill, maybe you don't have a conscience, but I do—and mine would never give me peace again if something like that happened.

Building a Human Junk Pile

Chronic alcoholism has increased alarmingly since prohibition. Every city and town has its junk pile of human wrecks battered and ruined by liquor. My town has

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more than enough already, Bill, and I certainly don't want to have any part in making any more of them.

"What'll *you* have?" Why, Bill, I'll try to add to the happiness and success of my friends, not contribute to their ruin.

Bill, I noticed that the pictures you showed to appeal to the viewers always caught the actors with smiles on their faces. You'd like to make me believe that beer and a good time go together. In other words, to be popular and carefree, drink beer. That's a pretty good line. Everyone wants to be popular and get along well with others. A lot of our young people and high school kids fall for it.

They haven't been around as much as I have, Bill. I know better. I've seen a drunk wallowing in his own vomit, too stupified even to realize what was going on. He was all by himself, Bill. People went out of their way to avoid him. He wasn't the least bit popular.

I've watched a wife cry because a drunken husband has squandered his pay check on drink and there wasn't anything left to buy groceries for the week. That's the other side of the picture, Bill.

I've sat on a bunk in a jail cell and heard the pathetic story of a fellow who "just had a few beers" before he ran down a child he didn't see in front of his car. He wasn't carefree then, Bill.

One memorable scene sticks in my mind. I sat in a judge's chambers one afternoon and heard him issue a decree which would take three children from a mother who had become morally delinquent through drink. She wasn't very happy about it.

I wish you could have been there, Bill, and seen the look on her face. Maybe you would understand why I can't choose your beer, or anyone else's.

It Began With One Drink

Juvenile judges all over the country can tell you story after story about attractive, wholesome, happy, high school girls who have wrecked their lives because their inhibitions and better judgment were clouded by a few drinks. That's another reason why I can't go along with you, my friend. I can't contribute to the delinquency of a minor, directly or indirectly. I'd never sleep well again.

You see, Bill, I wouldn't want my little girl to wind up like some of the people I've seen who believed your line and decided that popularity was more important than virtue. My kids are sound and healthy. Their mother and I have given them a good heritage. One drink by either of us could have produced a laxity of morals for a few hours which might have resulted in a physical or mental handicap in our children from which they could never recover.

As you probably have guessed, my wife and I love our kids a lot. You suggested that we should bring home a carton of your favorite beer from the gro store, Bill. But we couldn't do that. Our children m get the idea that beer drinking was all right for t I'm a little older than they are and have a little b sense and judgment. My kids could be seriously har by following my example if my example was unwh some, since they are a lot less experienced. No Bill. Instead of your beer, I'll try to set a pattern my little ones that will help them go straight.

Try the Emergency Ward

Have you ever been to a hospital, Bill? You ough go sometime. Sit down at the bedside of that wi with a broken pelvis and a blind right eye who injured at the same time her husband was killed—w a drunken driver going eighty smashed into their Talk to her, Bill. Ask her, "What'll *you* have?" what she tells you.

Hope you don't think I'm being old-fashione bluenosed about this thing, Bill. You know, that's o the impression you folks get when those of us who alcohol express our opinions. You notice I haven't a word about the spiritual or religious angles invol although there is plenty that could be said. I'm tr to be practical. I'm examining the problem fro logical viewpoint.

When I went to school two plus two made You always get that answer. When I add up the h ache and misery that beer, wine, and whiskey brin the home and the community and the nation, I get one answer to your question, Bill.

"What'll *you* have?" Give me happy homes, che government, stronger children, the pleasure that me waken bright and cheerful the next morning ins of with a headache and a heart full of regrets.

The things I want and beer—any beer—just don' together, Bill.

Sincerely,
D. C. Crawfor

Progress Report

LUTHERAN REFUGEE SERVICE
235 Fourth Avenue
New York 3, N. Y.
September 4-7, 1956

Assurances	
To January 1	2,220
Sept. 4-7	40
Total Assurances	10,789
Arrival of Refugees	
To January 1	61
September 4-7	43
Total Refugees Arrived	8,527

dventures of the Great Plains Pastor

THE ADVENTURE OF THE STUDY

Elmo Agrimson

re is a romance in study. The minister dies on the if he loses a thirst for exploration. The Lutheran rch has placed great emphasis on a trained ministry, possibly with its intense doctrinal conditioning has ected to say that a minister must be contemporar. s. A prophet to have a hearing must know the t of his age. Someone has said that the American le are the most brainwashed in the world because nass communication. Headlines, T-V features, radio ses, and soap box skits echo a monotonous same- from coast to coast, from palace to hut.

to such uniform thinking and feeling the pastor es to inject the eternal and sometimes critical mes- . He must be equipped to rise above the gossip of town bridge club as well as the sophisticated tones ompous radio commentators. More than the pres- of a post-graduate degree is needed to feel the pulse diagnose the history and direction of a community a generation. Group dynamics and human relations ses are developing interesting leaders in our time. no man has greater qualities for leadership than roadly informed, devout, and patient pastor. To s my thinking, teaching, and preaching I have tried ractice this type of reading:

HE BIBLE. Most pastors are diligent in their family otions. However, we could pay closer attention to setting of Biblical incidents and characters. Sociol- economics, and politics contain clues, quite often, etter understanding of texts and books of the Bible. Living Word becomes meaningful only as we w living personalities.

HURCH HISTORY. People hunger for explanations of ous movements and emphases within the Christian urch. The Church of our Lord has had more colorful gress than "from tadpole to frog." Every Lutheran or should have read Schwiebert's *Luther and His es,* and Bainton's *Here I Stand.* To understand ts of Midwest Lutheranism, exposure to Forster's *n on the Mississippi* (beginnings of the Lutheran urch—Missouri Synod) and Shaw's *Pulpit Under Sky* (Hans Nielsen Hauge) will make a more nble and sensible Lutheran. History of doctrine and ctice guides a pastor to broader understanding of rich colors of Christian thought and worship. New ks and lectures from English and continental theo- ans bring refreshing although often academic stim- ion.

n meeting Roman Catholic competition we should loaded with more authority than the *Converted holic* or Blanchard's books. The German Catholic, Karl Adam, can give us some positive insights into how the Roman church thrives (see *The Spirit of Catholicism* and *One and Holy).* To be a little familiar with ancient tradition, acquaintance with Josephus, Augustine, and other church fathers helps one separate wheat from chaff.

Pastoral counseling recently has received much emphasis among us Lutheran ministers. We can be grateful for the excellent lectures, courses, and *in clinic* training available. Most authorities in this field assure us that the best counselor is the pastor who with Christian love understands, listens, and creates the best positive atmosphere. This raises some serious problems in the average Great Plains community. So little is private. The challenge to the pastor and congregation becomes rather complicated. Magazines like *Pastoral Psychology* can be of considerable guidance along this line. May we guard against looking upon the community as filled with abnormals!

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES. The spirit of our time can be felt by being familiar with its best books. The average rural pastor of our area cannot afford many books, nor does he usually have access to a public library. But it is surprising how many excellent books can be rounded up in the average parish. *Cry, the Beloved Country, The Old Man and the Sea, Not So Wild a Dream* and many others bring us close to intense pulsations of our time.

Keeping alive means keeping magazines. Most homes have a daily newspaper, *Time, Reader's Digest, Newsweek, Saturday Evening Post,* LUTHERAN HERALD. But a little critical material helps to keep our eyes open. For a look at the other side of *status quo* one needs the help of *Harpers, The Progressive, New Republic, Christianity and Crisis, Co-operative Consumer,* state and national Farmers' Union organs. *The Lutheran Quarterly, Theology Today,* and *Christian Century* reveal what kind of cud is being chewed in the academic chairs.

Someone complains, "When are we going to get all this reading done?" I must concede that each pastor has areas of reading interest. Mine lean towards the historical and sociological. A pastor must be a steward of time or he will burn out in administrative motion or rust out in the bottom of a sea of discouragement. Study can become the great adventure of launching into a world you know, with the Gospel of Christ you know. The pastor should have habits of reading and reflection which make him a man of God who really knows his way around.

EDIT

Marked for Death

Each year, toward the end of summer, we receive a packet of suggested advertisements jointly produced by the National Safety Council and the Advertising Council. They have to do with the awful toll of traffic accidents in the United States. It so happens that these ads are prepared with newspaper use in view and are not easily adaptable to our use. Nevertheless, each year we read every word of every ad and look at every illustration.

Always, we lay the packet aside with a sigh, and ask ourselves, "Isn't there *anything* in all the world we can do through our columns to make people awaken to the horror and needlessness of our street and highway slaughter?" Our readers are presumably Christian men and women; should it not be possible for them, at least, to understand the Christian overtones to what has long been a national scandal? But then the thought comes: Can one tell the difference between a Christian and a non-Christian at the wheel? And the answer of experience seems to suggest that one cannot, as a rule; in fact, it is not unheard of that some pastor does not always have the best driver reputation!

What shall one say that will make an impression? Statistics don't seem to do it. *United States News* publishes a tabulation showing that more people have met death in auto accidents since cars were invented than have died as the result of every war in our nation's history. The ads to which we have referred speak confidently of an anticipated death toll of 40,000 in 1956. Every paper we pick up has figures of horror. And we read them all—and go on our way with a respondent sense of horror which is purely theoretical.

True, once in a while figures cease to be figures and become individuals. It may be that one is personally involved in a bad accident; that some one near and dear is killed or seriously injured. Or it may be that one comes along a highway and sees the horrible aftermath. Then one sees, not figures, not statistics; one sees blood and bruised and broken bodies. One sees "sudden death." But evidently the effect is pretty transitory. Certainly, if every driver who has been in or has witnessed an accident which involved individuals instead of figures were "cured" as a result, there would be less insane driving on our streets and highways.

So for Christian people to digest, there remains but one fact: *Breaking the law on the highway is sin.* Driving so as to endanger your own life or the life of someone else involves both the Fourth Commandment and the Fifth. Let's quit fooling ourselves. Speed laws and other safety measures were not enacted to hamper the free movement of cars. They were enacted to safeguard life and limb. The Christian who breaks those laws is as guilty of sin as if he took a six shooter to his neighbor with intent to kill. That's a brutal thi say, but it is true.

In our own state of Minnesota, the governor rec appealed to the churches, through the pastors. H quested pastors to impress upon their congregation so-called "Golden Rule of driving—drive unto o as you would have others drive unto you." We somewhere recently that a certain Roman Cat bishop was threatening "spiritual sanctions" ag those in his diocese who were convicted of offe causing injury and death to innocent people by driving. While it is a bit difficult to see ex-commu tion as a deterrent to traffic violations, it may be the bishop has something there!

If it is actually true that 40,000 precious human b are "marked for death" in the next twelve mo perhaps the whole thing had better be moved fro realm of statistics and an effort be made to mak least Christians see, not figures, not statistics, but dividuals created in the image of God. "Am I brother's keeper?" And the answer is "Yes," whethe is your brother approaching the intersection of h ways 71 and 7, or whether it is your sworn pers enemy. From a Christian point of view, it is as si as that!

"Edited by Univac"

This is pre-publication notice of a book which been edited by a machine. Nowhere in the adva literature we have received is any human being na as being responsible for writing or editing the b On the other hand, much is made of the fact that actual "editor," or more accurately compiler, is "R ington Rand's giant Univac Computer." That, a well known, is the electronic mathematical "br which is supposed to be able to do most anything. T is, however, the first time we have heard of UNIV producing a religious book!

Here is part of the story: A year ago one of speakers at the annual meeting of the Lutheran Edit and Managers' Association was a rector of the Protest Episcopal Church who insisted that his remarks n not be quoted as yet. He told of being engaged in gigantic task of compiling a complete concordance of Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Now, a concc ance is an alphabetical index of all the words of Bible. The one we have in the office (Young's) i book of 1,100 tightly printed pages. Back in the

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ury, it took 30 years to prepare it.
he RSV concordance, we were told, would take less two years to compile. Simply because UNIVAC ld do the work. Don't ask us how; we didn't under- d it then, and we don't understand it now. All we v is that this miraculous mathematical machine sts all the facts fed into it, and, behold, you have a plete concordance of RSV in two years instead of

f course a work like this costs money. There will be editions—cloth and leather. The price of the cloth id edition is to be $16.50; leather $27.50. However, publishers (Thomas Nelson and Sons) have an- nced a pre-publication price of $15.00 for the cloth on; $25.00 for the leather binding. The former be available January 15, 1957, the latter, May 1. can, of course, order the new concordance from sburg Publishing House.

Whether it is worth most of a column of editorial e to announce this volume, our readers will have idge. We feel so for two reasons. Such a book is but indispensable for a serious student of RSV. n, too, the possibility of using the latest electronic vels for religious purposes appeals to us. It will almost worth the price to have on one's bookshelf lume "edited by UNIVAC"!

"Ministers in the Making"

are happy to reprint in this issue the lengthy article rding Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, which stitutes our "lead article." In later issues we shall int from the *Lutheran Standard* the remaining les in the series, dealing with the theological semi- es of the American Lutheran Church. As the union oaches, our people will want to become acquainted all the institutions of our sister Churches, not least seminaries.

he publication of this article is timed to coincide the stepped-up emphasis on our Seminary Appeal. le, by and large, the response to this appeal is good, ill have to be admitted that in some areas it is ing. Perhaps Dr. Schramm's story of our seminary lead us to rethink how much our "schools of the hets" mean to the life of our Church.

is well known that we are suffering from a short- of pastors; the exact extent of it no one seems to w. If ever there was a time when our seminaries led strengthening, it would seem to be now. We fallen far behind in keeping our physical plant abreast of the demands being made upon it. We have been far too slow in increasing the size of our theological faculty. And it is quite obvious that the two are bound together. The June convention added five professors, a tremendous step ahead. Now let us carry the Seminary Appeal through to a successful conclusion.

We have sometimes thought that the indirect benefits of this appeal may prove to be greater than the direct. No one believes that a shortage of pastors will be solved by better facilities or even by a stronger faculty. Basically, of course, only more men year by year will solve the problem. Perhaps all the emphasis being placed on the seminary through the appeal will have the indirect effect of bringing before young men the great challenge of the gospel ministry in our day.

Parish Journalism

The Sept. 1 issue of *Christ Lutheran,* parish paper of Christ Lutheran Church, St. Paul, the Rev. Mandus A. Egge, pastor, calls attention to an anniversary in the congregation which occasions these lines: the close of a quarter century of publication without interruption of a weekly parish paper. More than that, however, it is noted that the present parish paper is the daughter of a Norwegian language congregational publication begun in 1905, *Kirkeblad*. Thus Christ Church can point to 51 years of a parish journalism venture. Pastor Egge writes to the editor, "I doubt there are many parish papers in the ELC that have been published for over 50 years and few that have been published weekly for 25 years." Is anyone in a position to challenge that record? If so, we are anxious to hear about it!

And that gives us an excuse to say a good word concerning parish journalism. To our desk come dozens of parish papers: some published weekly, some monthly, some only occasionally; some are printed, some are mimeographed; in quality of workmanship and skill in editing, they range from superb to somewhat sketchy. Not a one but gets more than a casual reading at this desk! Truth to tell, we consider them not only a splendid source of news but one of the best direct lines we have to the heart of the Church—its congregations, with their plans and hopes and aspirations. (May we add that this might well be considered an invitation to those who do not send us their parish papers, to do so? We would love to receive them all.)

In our estimation, these papers do a grand job. They compete with no one; they have no circulation problems. They have a job to do, and do it well. In the same breath as we congratulate Christ Church on their significant parish paper anniversary, we speak a most sincere word of praise to the hundreds of congregations which maintain a high standard of parish journalism.

In the Silences of Life

Harold B. Kildahl, Jr.

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
September 30, 1956
Text: Matthew 22:34-46

It is in the silences of life that God speaks to the heart of man. Did He not say, "Be still and know that I am God"? The example of this becomes quite clear when we read, "The Pharisees had heard that He had put the Sadducees to silence," and again, "Neither durst any man from that day forth ask Him any more questions." They were silenced.

It would be good if we were silenced a little more than we are. There is a brazen boldness current in our day which is typified in the offered opinions of almost every man on every subject. "Politics? I know the answers. Foreign affairs? I've got a theory. Economics—security—social welfare? This is what I think." It wouldn't be too difficult to bear if the opinions were not offered with a certain air of dogmatic authority. One could dismiss much of this current bold noise he is subjected to by calling it an extension of the town meeting or the forum, but this is hardly democratic—not when opinion is also regarded as the final word, the authority.

But, if it would be good to be silenced a little more than we are on the hodge-podge of subjects that cross our daily paths, it would be even more desirable if we were silenced on the matter of our religion more than we are. I know it well—we need the witness and the testimony of Christians. But the Chinese say that a picture is worth a thousand words—and Christians are "drawing pictures" with every waking moment. The Gospel as it is lived by Christians is far more effective than the words that are offered.

Consider also how often religion is compromised by opinions that are offered. How often we have heard people say—"Don't be such a literalist," or, "Paul couldn't have meant it that way," or "They do it in other communities and in other churches—why can't we?" Words without meaning—words without knowledge—words without silence, so that God has great difficulty in "getting through."

How can anyone face up to Christ as He is revealed in the Living Word and not keep silence? How can anyone be confronted with the basic truths of sin and grace and not be driven to silence? It is in the silences of life that God speaks to the heart of a man. Let me, therefore, recommend to you that you give heed to your silences—your devotion and meditation, your prayers and your worship, and let the Spirit of the Lord speak to your spirit that you may come to know the true answer to the burning question, "What think ye of Christ?"—and acknowledge Him as Savior, Lord, and Friend. Amen.

Correspondence

WE ARE IN—NOW WHAT?

►Ever since our General Convention voted to join World Council of Churches—a decision in which I nat ly rejoice—a question has often been in my mind: " are in—now what?"

Are we now to expect a rash of unionism? The edit Lutheran Herald has in an editorial (July 24) remi us that "unionism is still unionism," and that we have altered our official position by joining the WCC. when unionism is defined as "ignoring present doct differences and declaring them a matter of indiffere (Minneapolis Theses), it is sincerely to be hoped no one among us favors it. To swing over to a wat down, spineless, convictionless, compromising position practice would be worse than too great rigidity.

But if the editor is right that there is evidence a us of uncertainty as to the interpretation of our rule re ing unionism, we must agree with him that "a restud the whole subject of Christian fellowship is overdue." if "our Church Council has taken preliminary step initiate such a study," that is good news.

How the Church Council expects to proceed in thi study, this writer has no way of knowing. Is it ami suggest that a special commission be appointed to this study—and that this commission be made up of who have been on both sides of the World Council is If men who have been on both sides of the question to sit down together and study the whole matter c and in a spirit of good will, should we not be able to for a report that would be helpful to all concerned?

If we still repudiate unionism, does that mean that t can be no fellowship or co-operation whatever except w complete doctrinal agreement exists? What about the s implications of the Gospel? What about a common s on the part of all Christians in regard to the many i which today are responsible for racial, national, and i national tensions?

As unionism has been interpreted among us, has it been made to include more than "ignoring present trinal differences and declaring them a matter of ind ence"?

One of our most trusted and beloved leaders, who a years ago was called to his eternal reward, used to say we have "approached the subject of unionism from wrong end." A restudy of the whole question on the of the Third Article of the Apostolic Creed ("One, Christian Church, the Communion of Saints"), Article of the Augsburg Confession, to say nothing of Epistle to the Ephesians, would seem to be very muc order.

Such a restudy should result in (1) a better understan of the nature and function of the Church; (2) a d appreciation of the heritage that is ours; and (3) a cl understanding of how we through our witness may, b grace of God, be more effectively used for the further of His Cause in the world.

(Dr.) N. Astrup Larsen
Decorah, Iowa

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hestenes

TOWARD THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Epistle: Ephesians 4:22-28 — **The Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8**

Monday, October 1
WATCH IT!

Read Ephesians 4:22-28

t off your old nature which belongs ur former manner of life and is cor- through deceitful lusts, and be re- d in the spirit of your minds.

hen God saves He saves, it is true, hat does not mean that He surrounds children with a coat of armour gh which Satan cannot send his . The child of God has to watch it. as to stay ever on guard.

member your old nature! You can't it like a coat. Unless you call on for His help you will put the coat on and button it. Remember your nature belongs to the life without

he defense starts with God and con- s with Him. When the mind is re- d, the nature is renewed. Remember e child you are at all times.

hen the mind is set on things above, re stirred to action that belongs to ew man God creates in us.

with me each day, O God, and re- my mind and my heart. Lead me in ay of righteousness. Amen.

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Tuesday, October 2
HOSPITALITY

Read Matthew 10:40-42

He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives him who sent me.

Jesus spoke these words to His disciples. And they are words that apply even to this day. When people accept those who bring the Word, they are showing hospitality to the Kingdom of God.

Hospitality is a real part of Christianity. Followers of Christ cannot be thought of as being harsh, unkind, or indifferent to others. They receive people for what they are worth.

Long ago there appeared a poem that described the feverish activities of a homemaker who heard that Christ was coming to call at her house. Three people came to her front door and she sent them off with the excuse that she was busy getting ready for Christ. The third person told her that twice before He had been to her door that day and had been unwelcome. Three times she failed to show hospitality to Christ.

May I show hospitality always.

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Wednesday, October 3
PREACHING

Read Romans 10:14-17

So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes from the preaching of Christ.

It is very likely that if you are a believer and have had a good connection with the Church, you can say that some particular pastor has been very helpful to you in your faith. Perhaps you will even go so far as to say that a certain pastor led you to faith in Christ. Perhaps you can name the sermon that convinced you, or a series of sermons.

And this is not unusual, for as Paul says, preaching has power. That does not do away with the power that lies in our own reading of the Word, or in confirmation instruction. But there is a special emphasis that comes with the true preaching of the Word of God.

That is why preaching is still going on and people come to church Sunday after Sunday to hear the Word. That is why, also, people are still being saved.

Thank God that the pulpit has meaning. And seat yourself before it regularly.

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Thursday, October 4
WHO SINNED?

Read John 9:1-11

abbi, who sinned, this man or his nts, that he was born blind?

he disciples thought they asked a question, but Jesus answered it with plain answer that this man was not blind because of anyone's sin. His iness was meant to be an occasion to the glory of God by giving him his . Jesus used this opportunity also oint out that He came to be the Light he world.

ftentimes people think they have a of trouble in the house—sickness, ppointment, upset plans, because they particularly wicked. This is not always Sometimes the very "best" of people, finest, most sincere, and most devout, nowed under by trouble.

ut soberly we remind ourselves that h trouble *does* come because of sin. we cannot escape. God is not mocked. the fact that my sin can bring trouble thers should keep me watchful.

here is no worry when we live close God and seek His love and forgiveness.

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Friday, October 5
LOFTY THOUGHT

Read Colossians 3:1-4

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

What's on your mind? How often we ask that question of one another. Someone we know seems disturbed. We want to know what it is that he has on his mind. Someone else seems ready for action. Again, we want to know what is on his mind.

Paul tells us that there must be one thing uppermost in the mind of the follower of Christ. He is tending toward a goal, a great event. He is raised with Christ, and he is constantly seeking those things that belong to the life in Christ. He is no longer earth-bound. His feet may get dirty but his head is in the clouds.

Then comes the far-off event when the great day of the Lord shall come. Glory. The glory of the Lord and the Christian. Every Christian shall appear with Christ in glory.

Dwelling in this lofty thought, life is bound to be good. It cannot stay flat for one who knows that he is saved from sin and set free.

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Saturday, October 6
HE WAS THERE

Read Luke 13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

Jesus was in church that day and what a difference it made! It amounted to more than the too peaceful reading of scriptures and the mouthing of empty prayers. That's always the way it is in church when Jesus is there. He is there when the Word is used in faith and the Sacraments are used according to His command.

Two things happened in the synagogue that day: He healed a woman of her sickness, and He settled an argument. To this day Jesus heals sickness for people: sickness of heart and mind and soul. He can heal sickness of body, too, but the Church does not tempt God by demanding that He heal broken bones and diseases. God sometimes uses sickness of body to build faith. And arguments are still settled in church. The Word is the answer to the deepest and hardest questions men may ask.

Jesus is in church in our day to bring Himself to man. Do you make it a point to be there to receive His blessings?

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. C

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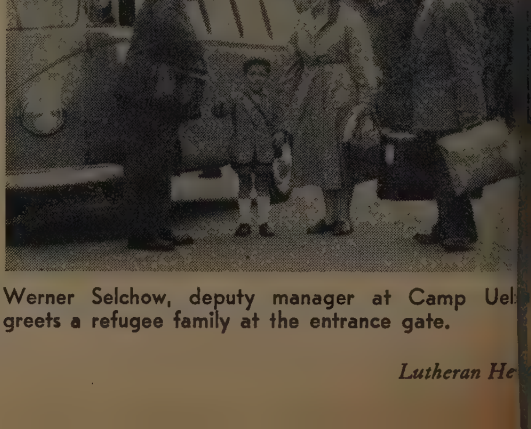
Dr. H. Vogel, representative of the Bonn Government in Berlin, spoke to the group in Berlin. The Rev. C. T. Grimstvedt, assistant director of stewardship of the ELC, is seen at the extreme right.

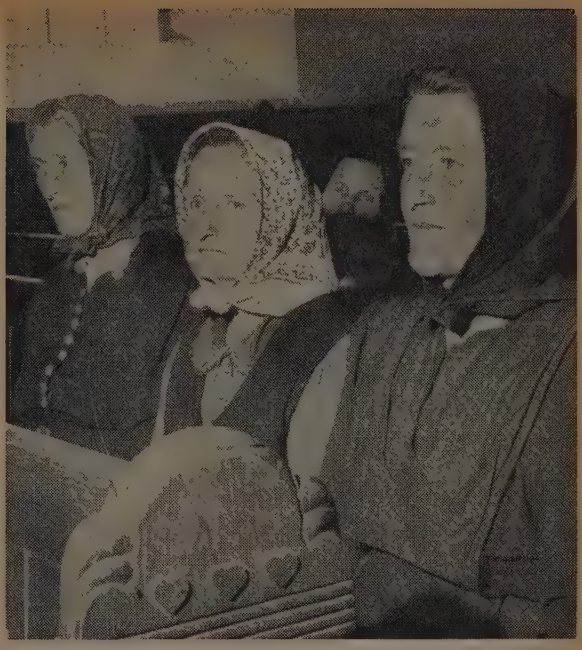
LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION TOUR

A group of seventy Lutheran pastors and lay people went on tour this summer, under the sponsorship of Lutheran World Action, to study various LWA-supported projects and to attend a conference on Lutheran World Action at the Geneva headquarters of the Lutheran World Federation. The tour took the American churchmen to France, Switzerland, Italy, Yugoslavia, Austria, Germany, and England. It was led by Dr. Martin E. Carlson, LWA director for the Augustana Lutheran Church. In Europe it was met and guided by Lutheran World Federation staff representatives as well as local church leaders in the various cities visited.

Church services are held every Sunday in this chapel at the refugee camp in Uelzen, Germany.



Werner Selchow, deputy manager at Camp Uel greets a refugee family at the entrance gate.



These Yugoslavian women attend a Lutheran service.

This family, with four children, is being supplied with clothing at Hilfswerk, Vienna.

Zagreb Youth Choir directed by the Rev. Edgar Popp. They attended the "Kirchentag," Frankfurt, Germany.

Schools and Colleges

Edited by the Division of Higher Educ

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE NAMES NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Nearly twenty of the faculty at Augustana will be new this year or will return after a period of absence from the teaching staff. Among these new instructors are a group of Augustana graduates, including: Leland Lillehaug, band director, Robert Eichhorn, part-time instructor in chemistry; Harriet Hybertson, elementary education; Mike Foss, physics and mathematics; Arthur Huseboe, English; Alta Quello, part-time sociology; and Verona Rogness, piano.

Among instructors returning after previous teaching experience at Augustana are: Dr. Richard Solberg, history; T. H. Quanbeck, psychology; Ted Hong, English; and Miss Rogness.

New to Augustana will be Mrs. Richard Flint, corrective speech; Mrs. Willard Rosine, natural science; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kraaker, social science and Spanish, respectively; Bob Burns, head football coach and athletic director; Marv Rist, line coach; Ruth Sparhawk, women's physical education; Dr. Donald Mundinger, political science; Arthur Olsen, Christianity; Palma Melbraaten, piano; and Miss Jessie Boyce, mathematics and physics.

The total faculty number at Augustana is sixty-five compared to fifty-five last year, which brings the teacher-student ratio to about one teacher for every fifteen students.

LUTHER COLLEGE FACULTY INCLUDES NINE NEW MEMBERS

Two new professors in language and speech have been named to the Luther College faculty. Dr. Christine Vischer of Berne, Switzerland, will be head of the French department with the rank of assistant professor. Mrs. Esther J. Olson will be an associate professor of speech and director of KWLC, the college radio station.

Born and educated in Berne, Switzerland, Mrs. Vischer received her Ph.D. in modern languages, literature, and musicology from the University of Berne in 1945. Dr. Vischer has taught previously at Ohio Weselyan University, Smith College and the University of Wisconsin.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota, Mrs. Olson holds a Ph.D. degree from that institution with a major in drama and speech. Last year she was assistant professor of speech at the University.

Seven full-time instructors are: Elliot R. Wold and Eugene E. Rousseau, instructors in music; Gerald Gullickson, English; Robert Rosholt, social studies; Thora Skirbeck, Norwegian and German; Donald H. Pilgrim, mathematics; Ernest C. Schwidder, art.

Mr. Wold is a graduate of Concordia College, and he has studied voice and vocal pedagogy at Indiana University. He holds a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin.

Eugene E. Rousseau received his bachelor of music degree from Chicago Musical College and his master's degree in music education and reed instruments from Northwestern University.

A graduate of Colorado State College of Education at Greeley, Gerald Gullickson was awarded his master's degree from Stanford University. He will teach freshman English, journalism, and serve as advisor to the student paper.

Robert Rosholt is a graduate of Luther College and has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Minnesota. During the past year he has been with the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington, D.C.

Miss Skirbeck received her undergraduate training at Elverun, Norway, and continued her studies in Germany. In 1955 she was awarded her master's degree from the University of Washington, where she was a teaching assistant.

A graduate of Morningside College, Donald H. Pilgrim has a master's degree from the State University of Iowa. He has worked in the general laboratories of the U. S. Rubber Company and has taught at Keokuk J College.

Ernest C. Schwidder is a pract artist who has exhibited painting various museums in Seattle, San cisco, and Los Angeles. He ho master of fine arts degree from University of Washington.

STAFF ADDITIONS NAMED AT PACIFIC LUTHERAN

Ten persons have been added t Pacific Lutheran College faculty staff for the fall semester which September 17. They are:

Miss Elsie M. Berge, economics business administration, B.A., Co dia College; graduate work, Colu University; taught at PLC, '48-'5

Miss Lee Ford, biology, B.A., tenberg College; M.S., Universit Minnesota; Ph.D., Iowa State Col

Jack Gaines, industrial arts, I University of Washington; grad work and engineering degree, Colo School of Mines.

Lars E. Kittleson, art, B.S., Milw kee State Teachers College; M.F University of Southern California

Rev. and Mrs. C. K. Malmin, Red Wing Seminary, house father house mother, respectively, Old N dormitory for men.

Donald L. Nothstein, biology college doctor, B.A., Pacific Luthe M.D., University of Washington.

Arne K. Pederson, education, B.E., M.A., Pacific Lutheran.

Margaret Peterson, English, M. A., Stanford University.

Paul Vigness, religion, A.B., Olaf College; M.A., Ph.D., Stanf

FACULTY NEWS NOTES

President Sigvald Fauske of Wal College has announced that *Miss E M. Lee* of Colorado Springs, Color has been appointed Dean of Wo and teacher of English. She h Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Orat and Master of Arts degrees from University of Denver. She has stu religious education and guidance Columbia University.

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ISSIONARIES SEND GIFT TO SEMINARY

check for $644.50 for the Lu- Theological Seminary Develop- Fund arrived recently at ELC quarters, representing the gifts of LC missionaries and their wives g in the Japan Mission.

mmenting on the unusual gift to the Seminary from across the , Dr. A. N. Rogness described ction as "a repetition in our mod- imes of the Apostle Paul and his congregations, gathering an offer- or the church in Jerusalem."

fts such as this, the Seminary dent wrote to Japan Mission Supt. M. Homerstad, "serve to enforce us the importance of our trust at home."

pt. Homerstad, in a letter accom- ing the gift, expressed the deep of the missionaries in the Semi- 's recent growth, especially "in tual richness and depth which are ifest in many ways."

ressing the missionaries' gratitude the Seminary's teaching staff is g enlarged, Supt. Homerstad voiced ial joy over "the emphasis being ed on missions and evangelism" at Seminary.

e added, "If this is the emphasis in our Seminary, it cannot fail to inue to be the emphasis of our rch!"

From the President's Office

To Officers of Congregations in The Evangelical Lutheran Church:

At the general convention in June, consideration of the Church Council's Resolution XI concerning Calls for Seminary Seniors provoked a good deal of discussion. Lack of time resulted in a motion to refer the resolution back to the Church Council for further study and report at the 1958 convention. This referral occasioned a motion by Delegate Pastor V. F. Molstre "that congregations of the ELC be informed by the president of the ELC that congregations are not to issue calls to seminary seniors until they have successfully completed the colloquium."

The motion was unanimously adopted. Obviously the convention intent in passing this motion was to give all congregations desiring to call a seminary senior equal opportunity in terms of time priority.

Accordingly, I respectfully request the congregations that are without a pastor not to issue a call or enter into a verbal agreement with any seminary senior until after colloquium, to be held this year during the week of February 11-16, 1957.

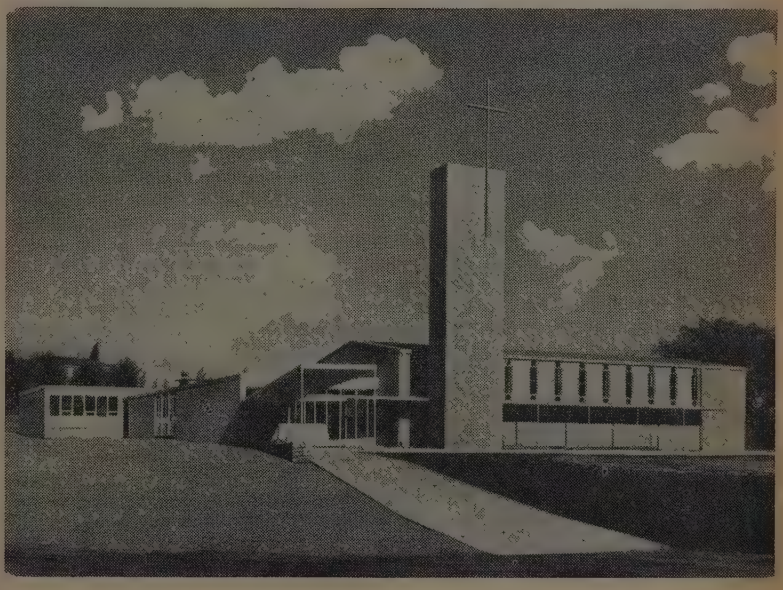
Fredrik A. Schiotz
President

LUTHERAN STUDENT FOUNDATION HEAD

For the first time in the history of Lutheran student work in America a layman has been called to be Administrative Secretary of a Lutheran Student Foundation.

Osgood Magnuson of St. Paul has accepted the call from the Board of Directors of the "Lutheran Student Foundation of the State of Minnesota" and "Division of College and University Work of the National Lutheran Council." He begins work October 1 with headquarters at the Student House on the University of Minnesota campus.

He succeeds the Rev. William Larsen who resigned to accept the presidency of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church.



HER MEMORIAL CHURCH—
dication of Luther Memorial rch in South St. Paul, Minn. on t. 9 marked the third anniversary successful merger between ALC ELC congregations. The parent rches, St. Paulus of the ALC and ity of the ELC, were both faced the need for additional space in er to expand their children's and th programs. Merger represented ractical solution to this problem. Rev. Theodore L. Kurtz, former tor of St. Paulus, was called to e the newly organized congrega- in September, 1953, and he was ed shortly afterwards by the Rev. e S. Rindahl of the ELC. Berg- lt and Hirsch were the architects this beautiful first unit of the rch.

Mr. Magnuson will direct the student work of the State Foundation at both the main and St. Paul campuses of the University of Minnesota, the Duluth Branch, Hamline University, Macalester College, and teachers colleges at Mankato, Bemidji, Moorhead, Winona, and St. Cloud. A campus pastor will be called to serve on the Minneapolis campus.

Mr. Magnuson is a graduate of the College of Agriculture of the University of Minnesota where he also received a Master of Arts degree in Public Administration. He is a member of the American Society of Public Administration.

Mr. Magnuson is a member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, St. Paul.

PERSONS

The Rev. Sylvan R. Moe, pastor of Trinity Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., since 1941, has resigned to accept a call to First Church, Janesville, Wis.

The Rev. David Quill was installed as pastor of Our Saviour's Church, Minneapolis, Sept. 9. Dr. J. C. K. Preus officiated. Pastor Quill comes to Our Saviour's following a pastorate of 12 years at Glenwood, Minn.

Miss Ardys Mathison was installed Sept. 2 as youth director of Zion Church, Minneapolis, the Rev. H. Manford Knudsvig, pastor. Miss Mathison is a graduate of Concordia College.

Miss Maxine Killeaney has begun her work as the full-time organist and choir director of United Church, Oak Park, Ill., Dr. E. S. Hjortland, pastor.

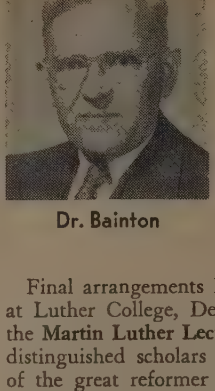
The Rev. J. Wm. Carlson, Woodburn, Ore., has resigned after a six-year pastorate there, because of ill health. He will move to Concord, Calif., where his address will be 2152 Holbrook Drive.

The Rev. E. G. Burtness, pastor at Capron, Ill., since 1933, has accepted a call to be associate pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rockford, Ill., and will assume his new duties in November. Senior pastor is the Rev. Murley A. Severtson.

The Rev. S. Luther Simonson, Bear River, Minn., has accepted a call to become assistant pastor at Trinity Church, Moorhead, the Rev. Oscar A. Anderson, senior pastor.

Miss Margaret Oppegaard, who has been employed in the office of the Department of Education of the ELC for several years, has resigned and will study at Union Theological Seminary, New York, this school year.

MARTIN LUTHER LECTURES



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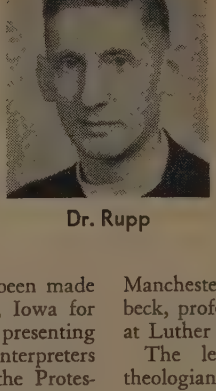

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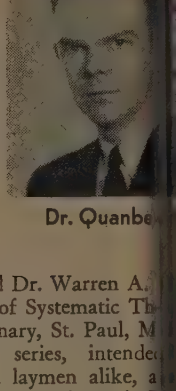

Dr. Quanbe

Final arrangements have been made at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa for the **Martin Luther Lectures,** presenting distinguished scholars and interpreters of the great reformer and the Protestant Reformation in a series of lectures at the campus of Luther College, September 30 to October 3. Lecturers include Dr. Roland H. Bainton, professor of Church history at Yale University, Dr. E. Gordon Rupp, Methodist theologian from England and newly appointed professor of Church history at Manchester, and Dr. Warren A. beck, professor of Systematic Th at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, M

The lecture series, intende theologians and laymen alike, a pected to have a wide and p appeal throughout the central sta succeeding years other great L Luther scholars will be heard Martin Luther Lectures, a fiv series which will culminate in the centennial year of Luther C

DISTRICTS

Eastern

La Crosse, Wis. St. Paul's Church will dedicate its new parish house and chapel on Oct. 14. Dr. George Aus of Luther Seminary will perform the act of dedication. At the cornerstone laying for this new building, two of the oldest men in the congregation assisted: Peter Hovind, 79, who was confirmed in the church 65 years ago: and Sivert Hetland, 83, a member of the congregation for the past 55 years. The Rev. Arthur M. Feroe is pastor of the congregation.

Milwaukee, Wis. The Rev. Arnold Nelson, formerly of Silverton, Ore., was installed as senior pastor of Our Savior's Church on Wednesday evening, Sept. 12.

Northern Minnesota

Moorhead, Minn. A large Preaching-Teaching-Reaching Mission is planned for the Fargo-Moorhead area on October 21-25, with 81 congregations from the Moorhead, Fargo, and Pelican Valley circuits participating.

Moorhead, Minn. The Rev. O. Gordon Tang, missionary to Japan, preached at Trinity Church on Sept. 2. He was associate pastor of Trinity from 1948 to 1950, and the congregation has sponsored the Tangs since 1955. The Tangs and their two children are living at the missionary dence in Moorhead.

Redwood Falls, Minn. First E Church laid the cornerstone f new church and educational u August 26. The Rev. M. S. Egg tor of the congregation, officiated $180,000 church is expected completed by May, 1957.

Southern Minnesota

Hazel Run, Minn. Hazel Ru Bergen congregations gave a fa reception for Pastor and Mrs. Olson the last week in Augus presented them a purse. Pastor was installed at Park Lutheran C in St. Paul Park, Minn. on Sept 11.

South Central

Decorah, Iowa. Glenwood C dedicated its new parish hall ad on September 2. A former pasto Rev. N. O. Dversdall of Sta Minn., preached the sermon a morning services. Dr. V. T. Jo president of the district, delivere dedication sermon and performe rite of dedication. This congre has a history of parochial school going back to 1852. The present chial school teacher, Mr. Osc Lovstuen, was installed in 191 has served continuously since

the exception of a period of mili- service during World War I.

Dakota

ltic, S. Dak. On Sept. 9, Dr. Stan- L. Olson of Augustana College ated at the dedication of the new h education building at West ros Lutheran Church, Paul D. r, pastor. At the same service a cross was added to the Christian ce Flag in honor of Norman eim who was recently installed as r of First English Church of r, Minn. Norman is the ninth son Vest Nidaros to enter the ministry.

ux Falls, S. Dak. Richard D. land of Bloomington, Ill., has added to the staff of First Lu- n as Director of Music and Youth vities. He is a graduate of Con- a College, Moorhead, Minn.

erdeen, S. Dak. Bethlehem Lu- n's new parish building was dedi- l on September 9 by Dr. L. A. on, president of the district. Dr. ey A. Rand, new director of edu- n for the ELC, preached at the hip services. A series of open es were held during the week pre- ng the dedication, to which vari- groups in the community were in- l. The Rev. Edward W. Nervig astor of the congregation.

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swego, Ore. A new education and h building was dedicated on Sep- er 23 by Our Savior's Church, the William H. Gentz, pastor. Dr. L. Foss, president of the district, iated at the dedication. The first lent pastor of the church, the Rev. do L. Ellickson of Albany, Ore., vered the sermon at the morning ice.

ichland, Wash. Miss Dorothea Of- al, formerly of the ELC Education ce, Minneapolis, is the new parish etary in Richland Lutheran rch, succeeding Mrs. Louis Hart- .

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an Nuys, Calif. Two members of tral Lutheran, Mr. and Mrs. Paul g, were commissioned on August or foreign mission service in Japan. and Mrs. Vang will serve as house nts for missionary children attend- the Christian Day School in yo, and Mr. Vang will also serve usiness manager of the Japan Mis- of the ELC. The Rev. Rudolph Ramseth is pastor of the Van Nuys rch.

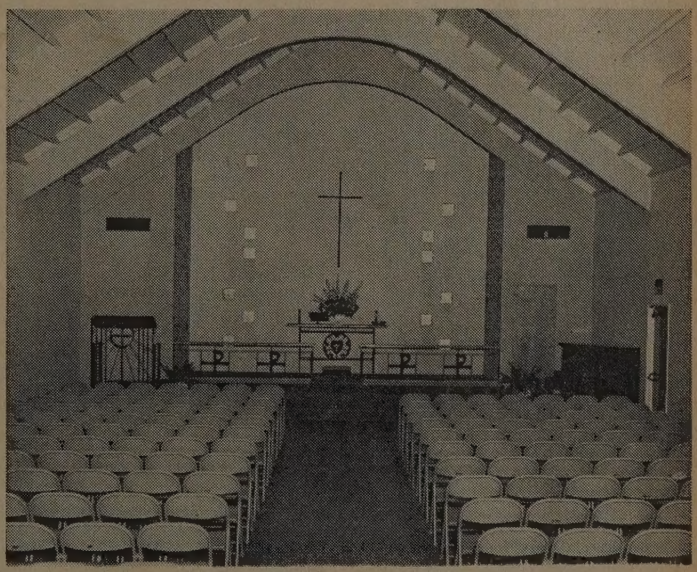
ANNIVERSARIES

Eighty-fifth at South Blue Earth

Eighty-fifth anniversary festivities were held at the South Blue Earth Church, rural Bricelyn, Minn., Sept. 9. Dr. O. G. Malmin, editor of **Lutheran Herald,** preached at the festival Morning Worship. A "historical program" was held in the afternoon. At the evening Luther League program, the address was delivered by the Rev. Osul T. Haaland, Fairfax, Minn., a son of the congregation. The pastor is the Rev. Dale Simons.

Fiftieth at Silverton

Silverton Congregation, east of Thief River Falls, Minn., celebrated its fiftieth anniversary August 29. Pastor is the Rev. James R. Peterson. Speakers at the festival services included the Rev. V. G. Sorenson, Dunn Center, N. Dak., Missionary Gordon Tang, Japan, and the Rev. and Mrs. E. O.



ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN—Pictured here are interior and exterior views of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Granada Hills, Calif., the youngest ELC congregation in the San Fernando Valley section of the Los Angeles Circuit. The chancel furnishings were made and presented to the church by the local blacksmith, a member of the church. Constructed out of ornamental iron, the altar, altar rail, pulpit, and baptismal font are in keeping with the contemporary design of the church. The pastor is the Rev. G. V. Tollefson.

Urness, Milnor, N. Dak. Pastors Sorenson and Urness formerly served the parish of which the Silverton Church is a part.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMF Circuit Meetings

Bemidji Ct. at Puposky, Minn., Sept. 27.

Central Wisconsin Ct. at Trinity Church, Rhinelander, Wis., Oct. 2.

Story City Ct. at Immanuel, Story City, Iowa, Oct. 2.

Windom Ct. at Windom Church, Windom, Minn., Oct. 3.

Mitchell Ct. at Bethany Church, Woonsocket, S. Dak., Oct. 8.

Mondovi Ct. at Eleva Church, Eleva, Wis., Oct. 9.

La Crosse Ct. at Holmen Church, Holmen, Wis., Oct. 9.

Vernon Ct. at Upper Coon Valley Church, Coon Valley, Wis., Oct. 9.

Sioux City Ct. at Siloam Church, Paullina, Iowa, Oct. 16.

Thief River Falls Ct. at Our Redeemer's Church, Badger, Minn., Oct. 23.

For Sale. Violin, one hundred and fifty years old. Write to Mrs. O. T. Nelson, 607 3rd St., Bemidji, Minn.

Wanted. 75 used **Lutheran Hymnaries.** Write, Trinity Lutheran Church, 633 Broadway, San Pedro, Calif.

Thief River Falls Circuit Sunday School Teachers' Institute, Sept. 30, Silver Creek Church, ten miles northeast of Thief River Falls, Minn. Registration begins at 2:45 p.m.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS OF PASTORS

A. H. Belgum, Tomahawk, Wis., 8-29-56

Harvey M. Berg, Strum, Wis., 9-9-56

John O. Blom, 6944th Service Unit, Sta. Comp. Fort Huachuca, Ariz., 8-28-56

S. D. Fauske, Forest City, Iowa, 9-1-56

Harvey O. Gilbertson, Box 276, Stanley, N. Dak., 7-29-56

G. O. Gronseth, 103 16th St., Sioux City, Iowa, 9-1-56

M. G. Halvorson, 1644 Kino St., Honolulu 17, Hawaii, 9-5-56

H. E. Jorgensen, Sr., 4800 Elliott Ave. S. Minneapolis, Minn., 9-1-56

A. I. Kvamme, Lake Mills, Ia., 8-21-56

J. M. Langemo, Glyndon, Minn., 9-1-56

R. R. Martenson, Poli via Garoua, French Camerouns, W. Africa, 9-4-56

Gerhard Ostrem, P.O. Box 833, Camrose, Alta., Can., 9-4-56

T. J. Severtson, Jewell, Iowa (temp.), 9-1-56

J. P. Worthington, 34 Canterbury Court, Teaneck, N. J., 9-1-56

Parish Conservation Service

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FOR SALE

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82 acre farm, west central Wis., 47 acres under plow. Buildings in excellent condition. 3 bedroom modern house with bath; basement barn; cement silo; 3 car garage; other buildings. Well located, on state highway. Near 2 Lutheran churches; grade and high school; good bus connections. Will sell house and a few acres separately, if necessary. 480-4A

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Businesses

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St. Olaf graduate desires organist p in Twin Cities area church. 3 years' ence. 4

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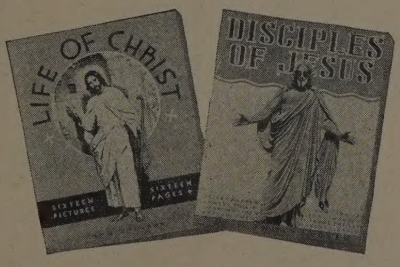

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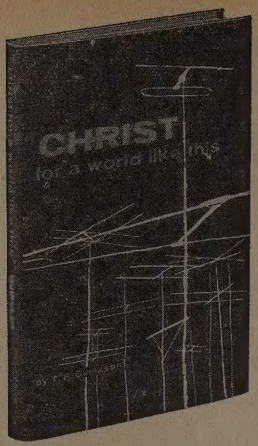

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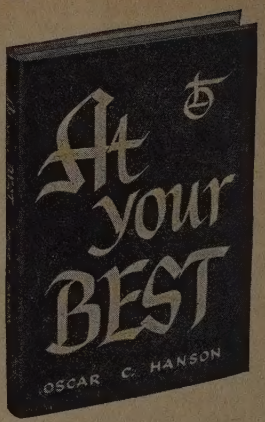

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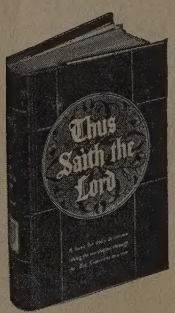

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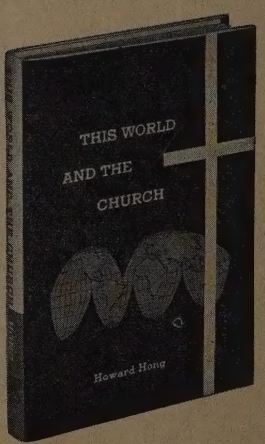

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